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EXHIBIT OF JAPANESE MADONNAS SLATED AT UD'S MARIAN LIBRARY

DAYTON, Ohio, February 28, 1990--Works by a Japanese nun, cloistered in the tradition of the Carmelite religious order, are featured in an exhibition of Japanese madonnas currently on display in the Marian Library at the University of Dayton. A self-taught painter, Sister prefers to remain anonymous in the spirit of Carmelite humbleness.

The exhibit will continue through April 15 in the lobby of the Marian Library, located on the seventh floor of the Roesch Library on campus. Admission is free and open to the public, and exhibit hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

A native of the Aichi prefecture in Japan, Sister entered the Carmelite order at the age of 21 and is now living in the Tokyo convent. Twenty-seven of her madonnas, which portray Christ's coming and presence among his brothers and sisters in Japan, are included in the Marian Library exhibit. Her paintings reflect the gentle quietness with which they are painted. "Our great privilege is to be instrumental in spreading the Marian devotion--Mary, who is our Queen and Mother of Carmel," wrote the convent's prioress in honor of the exhibit.

UD's Marian Library, established in 1943, contains the world's largest and most comprehensive collection of printed materials on Mary. It currently holds more than 70,000 books and pamphlets in more than 50 languages dated as far back as the 15th century.

For more information, contact the Marian Library at (513) 229-4214.